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Unemployment Rate Drops to 4.0 Percent

The Hawai'i State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations recently announced that the statewide unemployment rate in October was 4.0 percent, a decline of 0.3 percentage point over September's rate of 4.3 percent.

The national unemployment rate in October was 5.3 percent, down 0.1 percentage point from 5.4 percent in September.

In October 2001, Hawai'i's unemployment rate was 5.3 percent, while the national unemployment rate was 5.0 percent. However, since the beginning of the year, the national unemployment rate has been above 5 percent, while in contrast Hawai'i's unemployment rate has been below 5 percent.

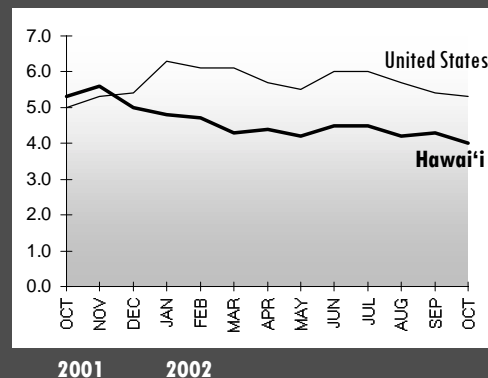
The statewide labor force in October was comprised of 567,800 employed and 23,500 unemployed.

In the nonagricultural job count, there was a net increase of 4,200 jobs. Most of the rise in jobs was due to seasonal employment in education, with public education adding 4,000 jobs and private education gaining 600 jobs.

Non-military Federal employment expanded by 600 jobs, primarily as a result of airport security work being transferred to the Transportation Security Administration.

A handful of sectors experienced job losses in October. In the private sector,

Monthly Unemployment Rates



eating and drinking establishments declined by 400 jobs, while nondurable goods manufacturing trimmed 200 jobs.

Government job losses occurred in Naval civilian employment and in local government, which contracted by 200 jobs each.

Employment in other industry sectors in October showed little change.

Data sources for unemployment rate and labor force estimates: 1) Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Research & Statistics Office, Hawai'i State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations; and 2) Current Population Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. Data source for Nonagricultural job count: Current Employment Statistics, Research & Statistics Office, Hawai'i State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations.

Labor Force Estimates; Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs (Hawai'i)

Data in thousands; all data unadjusted

	STATE OF HAWAI'I			HONOLULU COUNTY			HAWAI'I COUNTY			KAUA'I COUNTY			MAUI COUNTY		
	OCT 2002	SEP 2002	OCT 2001	OCT 2002	SEP 2002	OCT 2001	OCT 2002	SEP 2002	OCT 2001	OCT 2002	SEP 2002	OCT 2001	OCT 2002	SEP 2002	OCT 2001
LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES															
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	591.3	590.8	607.7	418.5	417.6	430.4	71.0	70.7	72.7	28.8	28.9	29.9	72.9	73.6	74.7
EMPLOYED	567.8	565.3	575.5	403.3	401.2	410.0	67.2	66.6	67.8	27.5	27.4	27.8	69.8	70.1	69.9
UNEMPLOYED	23.5	25.4	32.3	15.2	16.4	20.4	3.8	4.1	5.0	1.4	1.4	2.1	3.1	3.5	4.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.0%	4.3%	5.3%	3.6%	3.9%	4.8%	5.3%	5.8%	6.8%	4.8%	5.0%	7.0%	4.3%	4.7%	6.4%

NONAG. WAGE & SAL. JOBS

TOTAL	549.9	545.7	548.4	408.0	404.5	407.7	55.1	54.5	54.3	25.9	25.9	25.5	60.8	60.8	60.6
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	24.8	24.7	23.6	17.2	17.0	16.4	3.4	3.4	3.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	3.0	3.0	3.0
MANUFACTURING	17.3	17.5	17.7	13.6	13.7	13.8	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.7	1.7	1.7
DURABLE GOODS	4.1	4.1	4.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	13.3	13.4	13.4	10.1	10.3	10.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
TRANSP., COMM., & UTIL.	38.6	38.7	41.0	29.6	29.8	32.1	2.7	2.8	2.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	4.4	4.4	4.4
TRANSPORTATION	29.3	29.4	31.2	22.4	22.5	24.4	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
AIR TRANSPORTATION	12.5	12.5	12.8	10.2	10.2	10.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.1
COMMUNICATION	5.9	5.9	6.3	4.9	5.0	5.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.5
UTILITIES	3.4	3.4	3.5	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
TRADE	132.3	132.3	133.4	94.3	94.6	95.7	13.8	13.7	13.3	7.3	7.2	7.1	16.9	16.8	17.1
WHOLESALE	20.8	20.7	20.3	16.6	16.5	16.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.4	1.5
RETAIL	111.5	111.6	113.1	77.8	78.1	79.6	11.6	11.5	11.1	6.7	6.7	6.6	15.4	15.3	15.6
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	11.6	11.4	11.6	7.4	7.4	7.5	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.5	1.4	1.6
GROCERY	11.1	11.1	11.2	7.1	7.1	7.3	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.5
APPAREL & ACCESS.	6.7	6.7	7.7	4.8	4.8	5.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.1	1.1	1.1
EATING & DRINKING EST.	48.7	49.0	49.2	34.6	34.9	35.3	4.2	4.2	4.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	7.0	7.0	6.9
FINANCE, INS., REAL EST.	32.9	33.0	32.8	26.5	26.6	26.6	2.4	2.5	2.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	2.8	2.8	2.8
SERVICES & MISC.	186.3	185.8	184.2	132.6	132.6	130.6	19.8	19.5	19.9	10.0	9.9	9.9	23.9	23.8	23.8
HOTELS	36.9	37.0	37.1	15.3	15.4	15.2	6.8	6.7	7.0	3.8	3.8	3.7	10.9	11.0	11.2
HEALTH SERVICES	38.3	38.2	37.4	30.8	30.7	30.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.6	2.6	2.5
HOSPITALS	13.7	13.6	13.6	12.6	12.5	12.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
HEALTH SVC., EX. HOSPITALS	24.7	24.6	23.9	18.2	18.2	17.7	3.0	3.0	2.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	2.5	2.5	2.4
BUSINESS SERVICES	32.0	32.1	31.3	26.8	27.0	26.4	2.3	2.2	2.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	2.1	2.1	2.0
SOCIAL SERVICES	14.6	14.6	14.5	10.0	10.2	10.0	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.7	1.6	1.7
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	11.6	11.0	11.5	10.2	9.6	10.1	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.6
ENG., ACCTG., MGT. SVC.	11.5	11.4	11.4	9.1	9.1	8.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.7
GOVERNMENT	117.8	113.7	115.7	94.1	90.3	92.4	11.4	11.0	11.2	4.2	4.1	4.2	8.1	8.2	7.9
FEDERAL	30.7	30.3	29.7	28.7	28.4	27.7	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
STATE	70.5	66.5	69.5	54.1	50.5	53.4	8.1	7.7	7.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	5.7	5.6	5.5
EDUCATION	45.9	41.9	45.4	36.4	32.9	36.2	4.7	4.4	4.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	3.2	3.1	3.1
LOCAL	16.6	16.8	16.5	11.3	11.3	11.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.9	2.1	1.9

N.D. = Less than 50 or Not Disclosed.

NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding. Data for current month is preliminary; other months are revised. State of Hawai'i & Honolulu County job data are in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Total jobs include multiple jobholders & exclude nonagricultural self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics. Estimates include all full- or part-time wage & salary employees who worked/received pay during the week including the 12th of the month. State government data includes all paid positions or jobs in the executive, legislative and judiciary branches, as reported in the Dept. of Accounting & General Services payroll report. It differs from Dept. of Human Resources Development figures, which counts civil service & exempt employees & their full-time equivalency in the executive branch.

Labor Force Estimates (U.S.)

Data in thousands; all data unadjusted.

	OCT 2002	SEP 2002	OCT 2001
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	142,878	142,745	142,004
EMPLOYED	135,237	135,063	134,898
UNEMPLOYED	7,640	7,683	7,106
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.3%	5.4%	5.0%

Hours & Earnings



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INDUSTRY	PRODUCTION WORKERS	AVG. WEEKLY EARNINGS	AVG. WEEKLY HOURS	AVG. HOURLY EARNINGS
Construction & Mining	18,600	\$1,093.24	36.6	\$29.87
Manufacturing	11,200	516.96	35.9	14.40
Communications & Utilities	7,800	1,010.23	40.9	24.70
Trade	116,500	302.01	28.9	10.45
Wholesale Trade	18,000	478.17	37.8	12.65
Retail Trade	98,500	270.00	27.3	9.89
Eating & Drinking Establishments	44,200	180.88	23.4	7.73
Deposit & Nondepository Institutions	6,300	517.89	36.6	14.15
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	33,300	429.03	31.5	13.62

Workforce Development Division Applicant Profiles

Listed below are some of the applicants registered with the Hawaii'i State Workforce Development Division.

Interested employers should call the number following each profile.

A/C & Refrigeration Mechanic: Recently separated US Navy veteran. Extensive training & exper. as AC&R Mechanic. Pay negotiable. Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).

Boiler Room Maintenance/Water Treatment: Retired US Navy veteran. Seeking employment in Boiler Room Maintenance, Water Treatment. Has training & exper. in boiler operations, water, oil treatments, shipboard welding, fabrication work, use of blue prints, pipe repairs and much more. Exper. Foreman. Currently enrolled in computer courses, LCC, updating skills to be better prepared to assist with job related paperwork. Salary negotiable. Call Kathy Bailey at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).

Carpenter/Masonry Worker: Recently separated US veteran. School training and 2 years exper. as a Carpenter, Masonry worker. Pay negotiable. Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).

CDL A Driver: Recently separated US Army veteran. Interested in a Driver position. 5 years military training & exper. as heavy truck/bus driver. Driver instructor. Received Army Driver ad Mechanic Badge for outstanding work performance. Will complete CDL A - (Truck) Certification on or about January 2003. Salary negotiable. Call Kathy Bailey at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).

Certified Executive Chef: US Army veteran. 20+ years of international cuisine exper. Food and Beverage Management, culinary training, labor and food cost control. Numerous international and national culinary awards. Seeking \$12/hr. Call Reggie Conarton at 974-4126 (Hilo Office).

Computer Hardware/Software Engineer: US Marine Corps veteran. 7 years administrative exper.; has obtained A+, Network and Microsoft Certification; had secret clearance. Seeking \$17/hr. Call Blas Silva at 586-8719 (Honolulu Office).

Facilities Maintenance: US Army veteran. 25+ years exper. as carpenter, handyman, facilities maintenance. Seeking work in facilities maintenance. Knowledgeable, energetic, excellent written and oral skill communication. Open salary. Call Eric Nordmeier at 274-3056 (Lihue Office).

Fuels Distributions Systems Worker: US veteran exper. in performing terminal, waterfront, and tanker petroleum operations safely and efficiently. Call Susan Lim at 233-3670 (Kaneohe Office).

Information Systems Tech Support/Web Development: US veteran. Accomplished at integrating leading edge technology smoothly into office environments applying in depth knowledge of personal computers and networking with Microsoft operating systems and Windows applications. MCP Certified. Call Susan Lim at 233-3670 (Kaneohe Office).

In-land Boat Captain: US Navy veteran. Seeking work as inland boat captain, deck hand or construction laborer. Seeking full time work. Salary \$11.80/hr. Call Eric Nordmeier at 274-3056 (Lihue Office).

Instrument Calibration Mechanic: Recently separated veteran. Air Force training. 4 years precision instrument, equipment calibration exper. Pay negotiable. Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).

Laborer: US Army Vietnam veteran. Seeking work as construction laborer. Background working as construction laborer. Good team player and excellent oral and written communication skills. Wants \$13/hr. minimum. Call Eric Nordmeier at 274-3056 (Lihue Office).

Lawyer: USA veteran. 10 years exper. as Deputy Attorney for State of HI. 7 years in private practice. Pay negotiable. Call Blas Silva at 586-8719 (Honolulu Office).

Logistics Manager: US Army veteran. Exper. in shipping and receiving, inventory control, cost adjustment for inventory, in both retail and raw material to finished product applications. Seeking \$15/hr. Call Reggie Conarton at 974-4126 (Hilo Office).

Network Operations Manager: US veteran. Exper. in Cisco routers/voice muxes, Nueras voice muxes, Voiceware telephony switches, assorted Raydne/Comstream and EF Data modems, assorted DVB and standard receivers. Proficient in Windows 95/98/2K/NT, Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Access, Visio, VNC, PCAnywhere, Telnit, HP Openview, MRTG (utilizes PERL), WUG (What's up Gold), and familiar with SQL and Linux. Call Susan Lim at 233-3670 (Kaneohe Office).

Operating Room Technician: Recently separated US veteran. 5-½ years as Operating Room, Surgical Technical. Pay negotiable. Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).

Printing Press Operator: Recently separated US Marine Corps veteran. 5 months Lithographer training course. 3+ years Pressman exper. Pay negotiable. Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).

Purchasing/Logistics Manager: Recently separated US veteran. 10+years exper. in supply and logistics. He organized the implementation of new software which increased overall accountability by 40%. Established new requisitioning procedures improving delivery by 100%. Call Susan Lim at 233-3670 (Kaneohe Office).

Secretary/Administrative Assistant: Recently separated US Army veteran. 4 years administrative assistant exper. Types 80 words per minute. Up-to-date computer skills. Pay negotiable. Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).

Secretary/Clerical: US Army veteran. Seeking employment as Secretary or other clerical relational position. 10+ years exper. Excellent skills and exper. in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet, Financial Reports, Payroll, Time Cards, Management, Supervisory, Customer Service, working with military federal contractors, plus many more clerical and administrative duties. Currently working temporarily without benefits. Desires full-time position with benefits. Salary negotiable. Call Kathy Bailey at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).

Secretary: US Coast Guard veteran. 4 years exper. doing administrative duties. Computer literate. Seeking \$9/hr. Call Blas Silva at 586-8719 (Honolulu Office).

Small Business Manager: US Army veteran. 20 years exper. in small business management. Extensive exper. in marketing, advertising, promotion of product and services, public relations and problem solving. Exper. in all aspects: Personnel, inventory, shipping and receiving, bookkeeping, etc. Proficient in Windows 95, 98, and XP. Seeking \$30,000/yr. Call Reggie Conarton at 974-4126 (Hilo Office).

Stocker/Forklift Driver: Recently separated US veteran. Served 4 years in the Marines. Physically fit - can do labor tasks - loading/unloading. Seeking employment as Forklift Driver to utilize recently received forklift certification, LCC. Willing to negotiate salary for the work exper. Ready to start work immediately. Call Kathy Bailey at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).

Surgical Technician: US Navy veteran. 7 years exper. working in hospital setting. Seeking pay \$18.50/hr. Call Blas Silva at 586-8719 (Honolulu Office).

Trainer/Public Relations: Recently separated US Marine veteran. Exper. as Marine Recruiter - skills: counseling, job placement, public speaking - class presentations and in service trainer - vocational classes. Has college recruiter-public speaking exper. in public sector since separated from the military. Has been working temporary positions. Seeking full time permanent position. Currently enrolled in computer courses to upgrade skills. Ready to start immediately! Salary negotiable. Call Kathy Bailey at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).

On October 13, 1994, then-President Bill Clinton signed into law the Uniformed Services Employment & Reemployment Rights Act, a complete rewrite of and replacement for the Veterans' Reemployment Rights law. Most of USERRA's provisions were effective December 12, 1994 and most were be codified at Title 38, USC, Chapter 43. For more information regarding this important piece of legislation and its effect on the business community contact Mr. Gil Hough, Director of Veterans Employment & Training Service, US Dept. of Labor at 586-8827 or the Hawaii State Veterans Program Specialist, Dept. of Labor & Industrial Relations at 586-8881.

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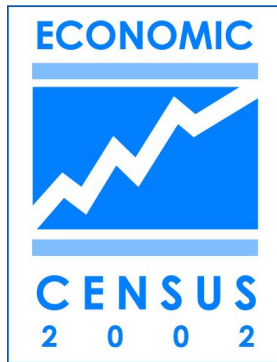
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2002 Economic Census Starts in December

The Commerce Department's Census Bureau will send questionnaires to more than 5 million businesses in December, launching the 2002 Economic Census. The survey is taken every five years and is due February 12, 2003.



The data collected from the Economic Census is used widely by businesses. It provides information that can be used to gauge competition, calculate market share, assist with site location, evaluate new business opportunities and design sales territories.

Several initiatives will be used to make it easier for businesses to complete their census forms. For the first time, about 3.5 million locations will be able to file their forms electronically. The Census Bureau also has an Internet help site for businesses: www.census.gov/econhelp.

Data covering calendar year 2002 will be collected and processed during 2003, and the first data will be released beginning in early 2004.

Revised 2001 Personal Income

Revised estimates of personal income and per capita personal income by state for 2001 were released by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. Hawaii's per capita income in 2001 was \$29,002, an increase of 2.5 percent over the previous year. Meanwhile, Hawaii's total personal income grew by 3.5 percent from 2000-01.

For the nation, a substantial slowdown in personal income, which grew just 3.3 percent in 2001 after growing 8.0 percent in 2000, caused the slow growth in the nation's per capita income, which increased only 2.4 percent to \$30,472, after increasing 6.8 percent in 2000. The 3.3 percent increase in U.S. personal income in 2001 was the slowest rate since 1958, when it grew 2.8 percent.



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